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SUBJ: US/ASEAN CONSULTATIONS

REF: A. STATE 199864; B. MANILA 11862; C. MANILA 12062

1. IN ACCORDANCE REF A, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR CALLED ON MALAYSIAN ASEAN SECGEN ALI ABDULLAH ON SEP 3 TO ASSURE THAT GOM INFORMED OF STEPS TAKEN IN MANILA REFS B AND C.

2. AFTER BEING INFORMED OF OUR ACTIONS IN MANILA, ALI ABDULLAH, WHO JUST RETURNED FROM MANILA SECGENS' MEETING, STATED THAT, BECAUSE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION RECEIVED BY SECGENS ON US POSITION RE CONSULTATIONS, US/ASEAN CONSULTATION ITEM HAD BEEN DELETED FROM SECGENS' AGENDA AND WAS NOT CONSIDERED DURING MANILA MEETING WHICH
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3. ALI ABDULLAH STATED THAT ALTHOUGH ROMULO MIGHT POSSIBLY MENTION ITEM IN SEPT 4 MEETING, HE THOUGHT IT VERY UNLIKELY THAT STANDING COMMITTEE WOULD MAKE ANY DECISION IN ABSENCE OF CONSIDERATION OF ITEM BY SECGENS.

4. ALI ABDULLAH INITIALLY WONDERED IF FAILURE OF GOM TO CONVEY INFO TO SECGENS REFLECTED SOME DRAWING BACK BY GOP BUT, IN ENSUING DISCUSSION THIS WAS DISCOUNTED. HE THEN SUGGESTED THAT COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE COULD HAVE RESULTED FROM ABSENCE OF PHILIPPINE ASEAN DEPUTY SECGEN MANOLO (WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS RUNNING SHOW) FROM MANILA ACCOMPANYING FIRST LADY.

5. ALI ABDULLAH NOTED THAT NEXT MEETING OF SECGENS SCHEDULED FOR BANGKOK SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER.

6. TEXT OF MANILA TALKING PAPER GIVEN TO ALI ABDULLAH WHO NOTED THAT SECGENS DID INFORMALLY DECIDE ROMULO SHOULD BE CONTACT POINT.

7. RE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION, ALI ABDULLAH STATED THAT ASEAN WOULD BE REPRESENTED IN CONSULTATION BY ASEAN SECGENS WITH THEIR AIDES. HE REITEREATED THAT PRIMARY ASEAN INTEREST IN CONSULTATION WAS TO INCREASE VOLUME OF TRADE WITH US.
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